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1. EMBASSY IS IN BASIC AGREEMENT WITH AND CLEARS HUMAN RIGHTS
OBSERVANCE REPORT AS TRANSMITTED BY REFTEL. FOLLOWING ADDITIONS
ARE SUBMITTED AS PER REQUEST:

2. UNDER B, IT MIGHT BE ADDED THAT MILITARY ATTACHES HAVE CON-
SISTENTLY RAISED PROBLEM OF HUMAN RIGHTS WITH THEIR ARGENTINE
COUNTERPARTS AND HAVE TRIED TO MAKE THEM AWARE OF US VIEWS
ON THE SUBJECT.

3. ALSO UNDER B, WITH RESPECT TO OTHER EXAMPLES OF PUBLIC DIPLOMACY
AND USIS ROLE, FOLLOWING MIGHT BE ADDED:

QUOTE USIS REPRINTED IN PAMPHLET FORM AND DISTRIBUTED TO KEY
ARGENTINES AND TO THE MEDIA SECRETARY KISSINGER'S SPEECH IN
SANTIAGO LAST JUNE. USIS ALSO PROVIDED ALL MEDIA WITH COPIES
OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS'S ARTICLE ON 'HUMAN RIGHTS AND US
POLICIES IN LATIN AMERICA'. LA OPINION, ONE OF THE MOST
IMPORTANT ARGENTINE NEWSPAPERS, PUBLISHED THE COMPLETE TEXT
OF THE ROGERS'S ARTICLE. THE EMBASSY ALSO SENT TEXT OF BOTH
THE SECRETARY'S SPEECH AND THE ROGERS'S ARTICLE TO THE FOREIGN
MINISTRY AND TO THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENCY. IN ADDITION
TO THESE EFFORTS WITH LHE GOVERNMENT, USIS OFFICERS HAVE GIVEN
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NUMBEROUS BRIEFINGS TO ARGENTINE JOURNALISTS IN AN EFFORT TO

EXPLAIN THE US POSITION ON HUMAN RIGHTS. UNQUOTE

4. B II SHOULD BE AMENDED TO READ " ...GIVING A COPY OF THE
LAW TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND TO THE PRESIDENT ON SEPT 12.
THE COMMANDER OF THE US MILITARY GROUP AT THE SAME TIME RAISED
THE SUBJECT WITH THE MIN OF DEFENSE AND PROVIDED HIM WITH A
COPY OF THE SAME LEGISLATION.
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